(vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field road safety by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

Construction of bypasses around Jaipur

†1893. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there being a heavy traffic on the National Highway, Jaipur needs to have by-passes all around the city;

(b) if so, by when Government is likely to grant permission for the construction of a by-pass linking Jaipur-Tonk Road (NH-12) with Ajmer-Jaipur Road (NH-8) and Jaipur-Delhi Road (NH-8) with Tonk-Jaipur Road (NH-12), Jaipur-Agra Road (NH-11) and Agra-Jaipur Road (NH-11); and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) There is already a Jaipur by-pass on western side of National Highway 8 connecting Delhi-Jaipur (National Highway 8) to Jaipur-Bikaner (National Highway 11) to Jaipur-Ajmer (National Highway 8).

(b) and (c) Ring road/bypass for Jaipur has been included in the tentative list of cities for stand alone Ring Roads, Bypasses, Elevated Roads, Grade Separated Intersections and Flyovers under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase VII. However, NHDP Phase VII is yet to be approved by the Government.

Renovation of NHs in Rajasthan

†1894. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that periodic renovation and general repair of the National Highways in Rajasthan need more funds than those allocated by Government;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to issue the balance amount;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the periodic renovation of the National Highways is undertaken after gap of three to four years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.